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Over 100 workshops and knowledge sharing events
6 Countries - India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bhutan
More than 400 days of advisory services

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More than 3500 professionals reached

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INTRODUCTION

CLEAR is a global M&E capacity development programme that brings together academic institutions and donor partners with the goal of promoting the use of evidence in decision making in developing countries. CLEAR strengthens M&E capacities at the local and regional levels. It has six regional centres in Anglophone Africa, Brazil and Lusophone Africa, East Asia, Francophone Africa, Latin America and South Asia. CLEAR’s Global Hub, housed within the World Bank’s Independent Evaluation Group (IEG), anchors the overall programme.

The CLEAR South Asia Regional Centre has been hosted by the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) South Asia at Institute for Financial Management and Research (IFMR), Chennai since May 2011. The Centre’s work in Pakistan is led by the Centre for Economic Research (CERP), Lahore, and it works closely with the Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) in Bangladesh.

CLEAR SA seeks to build capacity in the region for better monitoring, primary data collection, and rigorous impact evaluations of new and on-going development programmes through training workshops, advisory services, knowledge sharing events and applied research. CLEAR SA’s clients include governments, NGOs, civil society organisations, foundations, academic institutions and international development organisations.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY CLEAR SOUTH ASIA

The Centre provides the following services:

**Capacity Development Trainings & Workshops**

CLEAR South Asia conducts courses and workshops to help build the capacity of individuals and organisations to do better M&E. These workshops are designed to provide participants with the necessary concepts and tools related to M&E, including measurement, data collection and its use, monitoring and impact evaluation. Our workshops combine theory with experiential learning with a view to provide participants a hands-on training on evaluation methods and techniques.

- **Open Enrolment Courses:** During the year, the CLEAR SA centre offers courses that are open to a range of stakeholders including NGOs, multi-lateral organisations, governments and students. Currently, the centre offers a 5-day course on Impact Evaluation methods, a 3-day course on Measurement and Survey Design (May), and a 3-day course on Monitoring of Development Programmes.

- **Customised Workshops:** CLEAR SA also conducts custom courses and workshops which are tailored to the M&E needs of specific organisations and government partners. These can range from half-day workshops on Theory of Change (ToC); to 2-3 day workshops covering ToC, measurement and some impact evaluation methods; to intense 5-day workshops on advanced impact evaluation methods. The agenda and content of these workshops is carefully developed based on an extensive need assessment exercise conducted with the participants prior to the workshop.

**Technical Assistance & Advisory Services**

The Centre provides technical advisory services to assist governments, NGOs, and donors strengthen and develop their Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) frameworks and policies. CLEAR SA brings extensive knowledge on M&E strategy and practice to help partners plan, manage, and use high quality data to make evidence-informed decisions. Our advisory services offerings include assessing organisational M&E capacity and needs, helping organisations strengthen their measurement framework (i.e., what data to collect and how), and helping organisations strengthen their commissioning practices.

**Knowledge Resources & Knowledge Sharing**

The Centre creates resource kits and knowledge products for public dissemination and use which includes presentations, case studies, guidance notes, manuals on M&E methods, and best practices.

The Center also organises knowledge-sharing events such as roundtables and policy debates to create awareness and build skills amongst practitioners and policy makers. These include a series of M&E roundtables in Delhi, where sector specialists are invited to discuss various topics related to monitoring and evaluation.

**Key Objectives**

- **Building a culture of evidence based decision-making and strengthening demand among policymakers and practitioners for high quality evaluations.**

- **Strengthening M&E systems and practices for strategic clients.**

- **Building better evaluation understanding and skills of M&E practitioners, programme implementers, and donors.**

- **Building local researcher expertise and institutionalising M&E in the formal education system.**